

Remarks

1. An Office Action requiring Applicant to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits was mailed September 9, 2004. In reply, Applicant submits this First Preliminary Amendment and Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.

Claim Amendments

2. Claims 1-20 were originally presented for examination in this application. By the foregoing Amendments, claims 21 and 22 have been added. Claims 18-20 have been canceled and claim 1 has been amended. Thus, upon entry of this paper, claims 1-17 and 21-22 will be pending in this application. These Amendments are believed not to introduce new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement

3. The Examiner has required a restriction between the following groups:

Group I: claims 1 through 17, drawn to a module management system, classified in class 707, subclass 200.

Group II: claims 18-20, drawn to a service information portal for displaying customer-based portal view display of network computing environments, classified in class 707, subclass 100.

Election Requirement

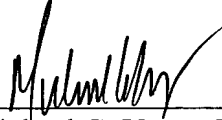
4. Applicant elects the claims of Group I, without traverse, *i.e.*, claims 1 through 17, for prosecution in the instant application. Applicant has canceled claims 18-20 thereby making the election final. The inventorship for the invention of the elected claims is the same as the inventorship of record in the application.

5. Applicant does not intend to dedicate non-elected claims to the public and reserves the right to file divisional applications for the subject matter covered by the non-elected claims.

Conclusion

6. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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